

ABSTRACT

An access point communicates wirelessly with one or more guests requesting Internet access. The access point includes authentication and authorization logic that determines if a guest is authorized to request Internet access, and the level of the guest's privileges. The authentication and authorization logic may be configured by a host to identify multiple privilege levels and the usage permitted for each privilege level. If a guest is unauthenticated, or if a guest requests a usage exceeding that guest's privilege level, then the access point provides basic services or a basic screen to the guest.